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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS

1. TAVALU/DISPUTED ISLANDS NEGOTIATIONS. BILL BODDE WILL BE IN HAWAII SEPTEMBER 15 TO MEET WITH THE CHIEF MINISTER OF TUVALU, TOALIPI LAUPI, AND OTHER TUVALU REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS US CLAIMS TO FOUR OF THE ISLANDS IN THE TUVALU GROUP. ALSO IN THE US DELEGATION ARE MORRIS BUSBY (OES), STEVE ORLINS (L), BOB SMITH (GEOGRAPHER), ACCOMPANIED BY EA/PIA SECRETARY PAT HILL. THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL HOPEFULLY LEAD TO A TREATY TO BE SIGNED BY THE TUVALU GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE.

2. OTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND MEETINGS. FOLLOWING THE HAWAII
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NEGOTIATIONS, BILL BODDE AND DAVE STEWART (L) WILL REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AT THE NEXT NEGOTIATING ROUND IN THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, TO BE HELD IN SAIPAN SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 6. THIS ROUND FOLLOWS ON THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 12 CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN WHICH THE DISTRICTS OF PALAU AND THE MARSHALLS VOTED TO SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THE FOUR CENTRAL DISTRICTS OF

THE TRUST TERRITORY.

3. SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION MEETINGS. BILL WILL THEN

REPACK HIS BAGS AND CONTINUE ON TO NOUMEA FOR THE SPC'S
COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS
MEETING, FOLLOWED BY THE SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE, TO
TAKE PLACE CONSECUTIVELY FROM OCTOBER 4-13. HEADING
THE US DELEGATION TO THE SPC MEETINGS WILL BE AMBASSADOR
CONDON FROM SUVA, ACCOMPANIED BY ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE
GEORGE CHAPLIN AND ADVISER ROBERT CRAIG OF AID.

4. UNDP DEPUTY RESREP FOR FIJI. EDWARD WATTEZ OF UNDP
NEW YORK CALLED AT THE DESK THIS WEEK PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE FOR FIJI AS THE NEW UNDP DEPUTY RESIDENT
REPRESENTATIVE. A FORMER FRENCH DIPLOMAT, HE HAS SERVED
AT VARIOUS UNDP POSTS IN AFRICA. CHRISTOPHER

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